THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO

TITUS

CHAPTER 1

1 Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is according to godliness,
2 in hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised before the world began,
3 but hath in due times manifested His Word through preaching which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Savior,
4 To Titus, my own son in the common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.
5 For this cause I left thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:
6 if any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children, not accused of riot or unruly.
7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God, not selfwilled, not quick to anger, not given to wine, not violent, not given to filthy lucre;
8 but a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate,
9 holding fast the faithful Word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.
10 For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, especially those of the Circumcision,
11 whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not for the sake of filthy lucre.
12 One among themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, "The Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, slothful gluttons."
13 This witness is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith,
14 not giving heed to Jewish fables and commandments of men who turn from the truth.
15 Unto the pure, all things are pure; but unto those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but even their mind and conscience is defiled.
16 They profess that they know God, but in their works they deny Him, being abominable and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

CHAPTER 2

1 But speak thou the things which befit sound doctrine:

2 that the older men be sober, serious, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience;
3 the older women likewise, that they be in behavior as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things,
4 that they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,
5 to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the Word of God be not blasphemed.
6 Likewise exhort the young men to be soberminded,
7 in all things showing thyself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing uncorruptness, seriousness, sincerity,
8 sound speech which cannot be condemned, that he that is of a contrary mind may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.
9 Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things, not gainsaying,
10 not purloining, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.
11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,
12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world,
13 looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ,
14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous for good works.
15 These things speak and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

CHAPTER 3

1 Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready for every good work,
2 to speak evil of no man, not to be brawlers, but gentle, showing all meekness unto all men.
3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another.
4 But after the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man appeared,
5 He saved us not by works of righteousness which we had done, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration, and by the renewing of the Holy Ghost,
6 which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,
7 that, being justified by His

grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I enjoin that thou affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.
9 But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law, for they are unprofitable and vain.
10 If a man is a heretic, after the first and second admonition reject him,
11 knowing that such as he is subverted and sinneth, being condemned by himself.
12 When I send Artemas unto thee or Tychicus, be diligent to come unto me in Nicopolis, for I have determined to winter there.
13 Bring Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that nothing be wanting unto them.
14 And let our own also learn to perform good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.
15 All that are with me salute thee. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.